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My dear Father Haslam Rome 12 July 1821

My Picture is on its way to London it left here last night and is to meet the Kings messenger at Ancona. after this I have every reason to hope it will be in London by the 1st of August — it is directed to the Under Secretary of State London and will remain at his Office — Immediately you receive this ask Maria or Tom or Charley to go on to Mr Haslam and enquire if he has received a Letter from me by this Post. I have written one the same as this in case of failure — Tell my friend Haslam that he will do me most essential service by sending or if he is not engaged by going to the Under Secretarys Office — to show his or this Letter — so as to prove his claim to my picture and to send it on to Carvell & Co for the Frames —

At the same time request Collins to make a Shaving Shame exactly the same as that to my Prize Picture of the Cave of Despair — The same size and the same manner — When you get my Picture take it out of the Case and lay it flat on the Shaving Frame placed on a Table — first fix the Corners so as to have the picture even on the frame — then nail it all round — pulling it out as tight as you can but after all you will knock the wedges in a little and it will come quite tight and smooth —

If the Painting should have damaged — or Canvas

cracked - or the whole want a little varnish - which I conclude it will - ask Mr Bond to be so kind as step down and do it for me - after all this is done send it to the Royal Academy written on the Back "For the Inspection of the Council of the Royal Academy Stuart"

If the Messenger should require any Payment of duties of the things tell him Mr Parke - the British Consul in Rome is answerable - and give my thanks and that I shall see the Messenger when he returns to Rome - Perhaps if you could see Mr Bond when you receive this it would be better. he will be time to set you right - if my friend Gastons is in the Country or away for some time be sure to go to Mr Bond and he will go to the Secretary Office and get the Picture sent to

Goswell St

I owe this favour of sending by the Kings Messenger to the British Consul here Mr Parke who immediately he understood the case offered me his services in the most polite and kind manner. the manner in which it comes is this. a Messenger is waiting at Ancona for dispatches from Capo - I send the picture on to him by the Courier - but if Messenger should be gone from Ancona when

Lucien arrives there - then it will ~~can~~ be returned back to Rome
and came by another Messenga going from Naples to London
so that you see Mr Parker has given me 2 Prints to my Ba

I received Maria's letter Monday 9th July - and
was not a little thankful for it. for I had been very uneasy
about this business.

Now immediately you have got the Picture
send me an answer to that purpose written by Mr Parker
or Mr Bond or Maria - telling me in what state the Picture
is & what the Messenger and when it can go to the R. Acad
direct to me at 43 Via di S. Isidoro - 2nd piano - Roma

Give my respects to Mr Bond and say that a large
case is on its way to him that I have not received the
Bill of Lading from Leghorn but expects this week
when I will write to him. This case contains all Mr
John Bonds works &c with my Poor Friends Papers
I received a letter from Mr J. Bond dated June 7. he
had had a most agreeable journey so far. and was in
better health. he went from Florence the following
Day

I am sorry to be at this trouble. but Sincerely hope nothing by you will cause me tell Mr Haslam that I am

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I am most anxiously wanting answers to 3 Letters one to himself another to Brown — a third to Mr Taylor

Farewell my dear Father — God prosper that hope of mine for your sake more than mine I have done all in my Power — and must hope the rest The weather continues so mild and beautiful that I shall not go away from Rome —

Ever Your affectionate Son

Joseph